

Music on Mill Starts May 4 | Discover Occoquan, May 19

Music on Mill, a free outdoor concert series at River Mill Park, kicks-off on Friday, May 4! Concerts are held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Fridays and third Saturdays, May through September. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair! This year, we've added outdoor movies in the park starting at sundown! Check www.occoquanva.gov for a full schedule of this summer's events in Occoquan. In the event of rain, call (703) 491-2168 or check the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/townofoccoquan.

May 4: Maggie Shot Burns (90s Covers)

May 19: The Sidleys (Rock/Soul)

Discover Occoquan on May 19 is a brand-new event featuring a full day of free activities for everyone! The day kicks off with a boat parade on the Occoquan River at 10 a.m. viewable from Mamie Davis Park, then enjoy interactive classes at participating businesses, and the day ends with a free concert at River Mill Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Schedule of Events

10 a.m., ORMA Blessing of the Fleet Boat Parade, viewable from Mamie Davis Park, 205 Mill Street

11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Free classes, children's activities and demonstrations at participating businesses

5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Flash Sale at participating businesses

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Music on Mill Concert, The Sidleys at River Mill Park

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Mayor's Letter

The May newsletter is always chock full of information about exciting, upcoming Town events, and this year is no different. Most important, in my mind, is the adoption of the FY19 budgets. On May 2nd we will have our final Council discussion on the FY19 operating and capital improvement budgets, and the vote to adopt. This is where the Town Council will finalize the budget for Town Hall operations and funding capital projects that you care about. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your attendance and feedback.

May 4th: Kick-off for the Music on Mill summer concert *and movie* series featuring Maggie Shot Burns (90's covers), 6-8 pm; full summer schedule available at www.occoquanva.gov/summer-concerts.

May 12th: Art on the Block from 11 am-4 pm, come support an incredible group of local artists at this popular, annual event (www.facebook.com/occoquanart/).

May 19th: Discover Occoquan - starting with the Blessing of the Fleet by the Occoquan River Maritime Association to pass by the Occoquan Town Dock just after 10 am, followed by interactive classes and free demonstrations hosted by Occoquan businesses (see Town website for listing), historic tours, live entertainment, a photo booth, children's activities, and more! Have lunch or dinner at one of our many unique restaurants and cafés, and from 5-6 pm, participating businesses flying a blue balloon will hold a special flash sale. Finally, from 6-8 pm at River Mill Park, The Sidleys will be performing rock and soul music - bring a chair or a blanket and watch the show!

June 2nd & 3rd: Spring Arts & Crafts Show - As always, we will be looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of tasks that help us welcome over 300 vendors, and more than 10,000 visitors to Town to shop, dine, and enjoy the river front. Please contact the Craft Show office (jlittle@occoquanva.gov or 703-491-1918) to add your name to the list of volunteers, and be sure to visit the show that weekend!

Finally, a huge "thank-you" to the 66 volunteers that joined Town staff and Council members in the *River Clean Up Day* on April 21st hosted by the Town of Occoquan and Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO). Fifty bags of trash were collected by volunteers on land, as well as by kayakers from the water, which may just be a Town record!

Elizabeth A.C. Quist

Occoquan Spring Arts and Crafts Show

Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3

STREET CLOSINGS

The following roads will be closed from 8 am to 6:30 pm on June 2 and 3: Mill, Commerce, Union, Washington Streets, as well as Ellicott Street from Mill Street to Center Lane. During this time, please coordinate movers or deliveries accordingly.

CRAFT SHOW PARKING - Event Area Residents and Businesses

Permits will be available to merchants and residents living or working in the historic district for parking under the Route 123 bridge from 10:00 pm, Friday, June 1, until 6:30 pm, Sunday, June 3. Due to limited parking spaces, only one permit per business or family - first come, first served - will be issued. Permits will be available at Town Hall beginning Tuesday, May 29, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Town Hall will observe extended hours until 6:00 pm on May 29, 2018.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in giving back to the community? Consider volunteering your time and talents to the Town's Arts and Crafts Show. This two-day event draws thousands of people to town and is successful due to the support of our businesses and volunteers! If you're interested in volunteering for the Arts and Crafts Show, call (703) 491-2168, email jlittle@occoquanva.gov, or stop by Town Hall to sign up. Visit www.occoquanva.gov for more information.



Local artists will be participating in **Art on the Block** in Historic Occoquan on **Saturday, May 12, 2018** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/OccoquanArt. Sponsored by the Art Galleries of Occoquan.

Volunteer on a Town Board or Commission

The Town of Occoquan relies on three standing boards and commissions that are staffed by community volunteers and focus on specific community needs and issues. The Town relies on volunteers from the community to serve on these important boards. Currently, there are positions available on the Town's Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board. To learn more about the roles of these boards, visit www.occoquanva.gov/boards-and-commissions.html.

If you're interested in being considered for appointment to one of these boards, complete a short application and submit to Town Hall, M-F, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., 314 Mill Street. Applications are available at Town Hall or online at www.occoquanva.gov.

May 2018

Town Meetings and Events

(All meetings are held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, unless otherwise noted.)

May 1: Town Election Day
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

May 2: Town Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

May 4: Music on Mill
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park

May 12: Art on the Block
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Historic Occoquan

May 15: Town Council Work Session
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

May 19: Discover Occoquan
10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Town Hall

May 19: Blessing of the Fleet
10 a.m., Mamie Davis Park

May 19: Music on Mill
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., River Mill Park

May 20: April 2018 Meals Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax Due

May 22: Planning Commission
6:30 pm, Town Hall

Architectural Review Board
7:30 pm, Town Hall

May 31: 2018 Business License Fees Due

Town Council Actions: April 3, 2018

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes and agendas are available online at www.occoquanva.gov. All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Approved the charter to establish the Arts and Crafts Show Exploratory Committee
- Approved 2018 Arbor Day proclamation

Military Tribute Banner Program – Sponsor a Veteran

VFW Post 7916 and the Town of Occoquan will honor local U.S. military veterans with patriotic banners as a testament to the community's history of service. These beautiful banners will be displayed in the historic district of Occoquan from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. For more information visit <http://www.vfwpost7916.org/>

Curb Your Pet - Scoop the Poop!

Please remember to always clean up after your dog on walks and remind your friends and neighbors to do the same! Dog waste is an environmental pollutant that can end up in our rivers and streams. While the town has several pet waste stations located in the downtown area, be sure to take a few waste bags with you on your walks and dispose of the waste in your trash can. Let's be good neighbors and pick up your pet's waste.